

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:	Monika Sata	Richard Hughes
	Jerry Bixby	Penny Marinos
	Shazad Butt	Kent Voigt
	Cindy Stewart	Brian Wehrung
	Dick Minnick	

Introduction

Dick Minnick, retiree from Ford Motor- career in Finance and Comp It. Resident for 30 years.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of November 20, 2002 by Voigt, second by Marinos.
Approved unanimously.

Correspondence

- A. Government Access channel closed, captioning update – “Since the Decoder Circuitry Act was passed by Congress in 1990, all television sets manufactured in the US or imported for sale in the U.S. 13 inches or larger must be caption-capable by federal law. Each television set has instructions for accessing captions.”
“In its August, 1997 Order, the FCC adopted an 8-year transition period for the closed captioning of programming. During this transition period, the programming distributors have been required to gradually increase the amount of closed captioning until full accessibility of new programming is achieved. As of January 1, 2006, all programming must be captioned.”
“However the FCC rules exempt any video program provider from closed captioning requirements where the provider has annual gross revenues of less than \$3 million and caps spending on closed captioning at 2% of annual gross revenues. It is not clear if this rule applies to a PEG channel since they generally produce no revenues.”
The FCC said that critical information that affects the safety of viewers must be made available to persons with hearing disabilities.”
- B. High Speed Internet service may cost more, FCC trying to be fair to phone companies.

Old Business

- A. PEG fees calculation - waiting on attorney's report
- B. Members list with terms mailed
- C. E-mail address for Comcast/WOW
 - a. Spoke with cable reps and they would get back to me
 - b. Possible for customers to have an E-mail address to make suggestions instead of calling the companies
 - c. Or is there a way to contact them on their website. Might mean better service.

New Business

- A. ICCA meeting notes - May 2003
- B. Comcast & WideOpenWest cable complaints – No report this meeting due to each company not complying with request. Complaint logs were delivered to ICCA attorney's office by April 30, 2003.
- C. Mission Statement - Revisit this item - mail to all members
- D. Budget – Stewart reported that City Council should approve the 2003-04 budgets. There is approx \$50,000 allocated for new capital in the Community Affairs cable equipment budget.
- E. CMN Report
 - a. Completed construction for new studio. They have reported an increase in users for training classes and an increase in first run programs.
 - b. Accessibility Awards- June 19 at 7 pm at Royal Oak Baldwin Theatre
 - c. Jerry Kunnath retired as president; new CMN president is Charlie Langton.
 - d. CMN is launching a serious fundraising effort. Information to follow on the conference being sponsored by CMN in the fall. Shazad will bring info to next meeting on CMN.

Motion to adjourn by Bixby, second by Marinos. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.